

SSB 5831 - S AMD 91

By Senators Kastama, Berkey, and Haugen

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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4 "New Section. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A joint legislative task force on
5 heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration is
6 established, with members as provided in this subsection.

7 (i) The chair and ranking minority member of the senate labor,
8 commerce, research and development committee;

9 (ii) The chair and ranking minority member of the house commerce
10 and labor committee;

11 (iii) Four members representing the heating, ventilating, air
12 conditioning, and refrigeration industry, selected from nominations
13 submitted by statewide business organizations representing a
14 cross-section of industries and appointed jointly by the president of
15 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives; and

16 (iv) Four members representing labor, selected from nominations
17 submitted by statewide labor organizations representing a cross-section
18 of industries and appointed jointly by the president of the senate and
19 the speaker of the house of representatives.

20 (b) In addition, the department of labor and industries shall
21 cooperate with the joint legislative task force and maintain a liaison
22 representative, who shall be a nonvoting member. The department shall
23 cooperate with the joint legislative task force and provide information
24 as the joint legislative task force may reasonably request.

25 (c) The joint legislative task force shall choose its chair from
26 among its membership.

27 (2) The joint legislative task force shall review the following
28 issues:

29 (a) Requirements for registering, certifying, or licensing heating,
30 ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics;

31 (b) Methods of registering or licensing contractors who qualify for
32 two or more registrations or licenses;

1 (c) Establishing at least three levels of HVAC/R mechanics, with
2 the ability to be certified in several specialities including gas
3 piping, sheet metal, and refrigeration;

4 (d) The on-the-job experience requirements for each mechanic level;

5 (e) The methods by which apprentices and other persons learning to
6 perform heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration work
7 obtain training certificates;

8 (f) Exemptions to the registering, certification, or licensing
9 requirements; and

10 (g) Such other factors the joint legislative task force deems
11 necessary.

12 (3) Legislative members of the joint legislative task force shall
13 be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.
14 Nonlegislative members, except those representing an employer or
15 organization, are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in
16 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

17 (4) The expenses of the joint legislative task force shall be paid
18 jointly by the senate and the house of representatives.

19 (5) The joint legislative task force shall report its findings and
20 recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2009.

21 (6) This section expires July 1, 2009."

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26 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "mechanics;" strike the
27 remainder of the title and insert "creating a new section; and
28 providing an expiration date."

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EFFECT: Creates a joint legislative task force to study the
heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration industry.